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Re: U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 08/776,190 filed January 24, 1997
Entitled: *Oligomeric Carrier Molecules with Defined Incorporated Marker Groups and Haptens*
Our Ref.: RDID 0089 US

Attached please find an Amendment and Reply Under 37 CFR §1.111 in response to the outstanding Office Action mailed May 9, 2001.

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Attachments

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AMENDMENT AND REPLY UNDER 37 CFR §1.111

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, DC 20231

November 7, 2001

Dear Sir:

This reply is in response to the Office Action dated May 9, 2001 which has a shortened statutory period for response of three months that expired August 9, 2001. A petition for a 3-month extension of time until November 9, 2001 is enclosed herewith.

AMENDMENT

Please amend the above-identified patent application as shown below.

In the Specification:

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Please amend the specification as follows:

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